



Request for Applications 2022-01: Affordable Housing Accelerator

Invitation for Applications

The Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") releases this Request for Applications ("RFA") for the production and preservation of affordable housing in Baltimore County ("the County"). DHCD invites applications from qualified development partners for the provision of viable affordable housing, where DHCD's capital solutions will be leveraged to support housing development and long-term affordability for households wishing to reside in the County.

The Department & its Mission

In May 2021, Baltimore County Executive, John A. Olszewski, Jr. established the County's first Department of Housing and Community Development. Before this legislation, Baltimore County was the only large jurisdiction in Maryland without a department dedicated to housing and community investment priorities. DHCD is charged with promoting the construction and preservation of affordable and accessible housing, equitable economic development, and ensuring fair housing practices to foster economic mobility and prosperity in all of Baltimore County. DHCD consists of the following programs:

- **Office of Housing;**
- **Housing Finance & Opportunities;**
- **Housing Stability;**
- **Homeless Services; and**
- **Grants Administration.**

To ensure that housing in Baltimore County is attainable for anyone who desires to make the jurisdiction their home, DHCD will make resources available to organizations with a proven track record for creating catalytic housing solutions that work. DHCD seeks affordable housing proposals that align with, but not limited to the following:

- **Integrated Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**
- **Development led by Small, Faith-Based, BIPOC, and Female-Led Partners**
- **Housing Development & Preservation in Areas of Opportunity**
- **Development of Accessible Units & Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities**
- **Innovative Affordable Housing Solutions**
- **Deeply Affordable Units**
- **Communities with Resident Services Programming**
- **Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing**

Funding

This is a rolling application for the following County-administered resources:

- **Home Investments Partnerships (HOME)**
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
- **Project-Based Voucher(PBV) Program**
- **2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**
- **The Housing Opportunity Fund**



Submissions

Applications may be found in the *Affordable Housing Development Guide* at the following URL:
<https://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Planning/reports/affordablehousingdevguide.pdf>

All applications require a written narrative demonstrating organizational capacity, knowledge and experience in affordable housing development. DHCD encourages responses from applicants who seek to affirmatively further fair housing, advance racial equity and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Fair Housing Act ("FHA") (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968).

Please submit questions and complete applications to dhcdrfa@baltimorecountymd.gov.